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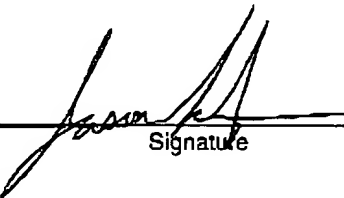
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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as outlined in Appendix 1. A copy of the amended claim showing the changes made is included herein as Appendix 1. A copy of the entire set of pending claims after entry of this amendment is provided herein as Appendix 2.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5 and 7-11 are pending. Claim 7 has been amended to indicate that the tissues or cells are thought to be metaplastic. No new matter is added by this amendment.